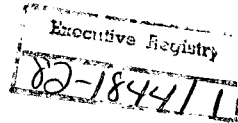


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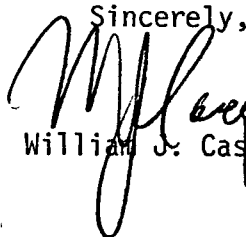
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Dear Mr. Opher,

Thank you for your note of 6 July. I do recall discussions about the reopening of the Middle Eastern railroad, and hope you will continue with the development of whether this can become a live issue again.

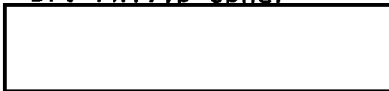
I think the appropriate place to lodge the idea is with the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, and I am taking the liberty of sending your papers on to him.

Sincerely,



William J. Casey

Dr. Philip Opher



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